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For : EXPANDABLE RESIN BEADS OF STYRENE-MODIFIED,
STRAIGHT-CHAIN, AND LOW-DENSITY POLYETHYLENE,
PROCESS FOR THE PRODUCTION THEREOF, PRE-
EXPANDED BEADS AND EXPANDED MOLDED ARTICLE

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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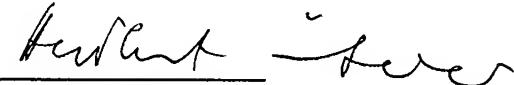
In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and §§1.97-1.98 and supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statement filed December 2, 2005, Applicants hereby bring to the attention of the Examiner in charge of the above-identified application the English language translation of the International Preliminary Report on Patentability issued in connection with International Patent Application No. PCT/JP2004/003834, of which the present application is the U.S. National Stage Application.

A copy of the above-noted English language translation is enclosed herewith, and he Examiner is invited to review and consider the same.

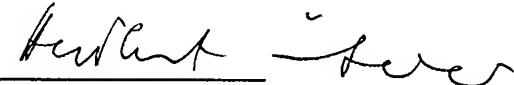
Applicants note that an Office Action on the merits has not issued in the present application, and thus no fee is believed necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted material. However, if an Office Action on the merits has issued and is crossing this statement in the mail, the undersigned authorizes the Patent and Trademark Office to charge any fee necessary for the consideration of this statement, including any payment under 37 C.F.R. §1.17 (p) to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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